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"If you have treasures on earth, see that a good portion of them are transferred to your account in heaven by faithfully providing for the Lord's work here."—The Reverend J. T. Boyer.

"Man becomes a living soul only as the breath of the Almighty is blown into the nostrils of his will and intellect. It is only as the divine becomes incarnated in men's business and bosoms that we have a manhood and activity that are spiritual life."—The Reverend S. C. Ely.

TRUE FAITH IS ALWAYS
ACCOMPANIED BY WORKS.The Reverend C. M. Rauch talks on
the importance of Trust
in God.

The Reverend C. M. Rauch preached yesterday morning in the Cook Avenue Presbyterian Church on "Through Faith," taking for his text Ephesians ii, 8: "For by grace are ye saved through faith." He said, in part:

"We are prone to speak of faith so often that it becomes a cheap word when it should be of nameless value. It is the channel through which salvation from God comes to man. No man is saved by faith, but through faith. The wonderful grace of God is the fountain source of a righteous life, and faith is the aqueduct through which man receives the gift."

"The Mississippi River has abundant water to supply the population of cities along its course, but it does not flow so that it can be carried to the homes to meet the practical needs of life. The grace of God, abundant and wonderful though it is, only blesses and satisfies those who open their hearts to receive and appropriate it unto themselves. The man who offers it for man to reach forth the hand of faith and accept."

"The very simplicity of this plan may cause many to stumble, and yet every sane business man acts on this plan, simple but every day. If you possess a promissory note you do not hesitate to present it at the bank when it is payable and receive your money. You have been exercising the faculties of life in work of mind or body, and you receive the reward. The same God who provides you with the activities of physical and mental life also says, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and God would not require the impossible of man. God would not give unto man the ability to believe and without the same from another. This would be showing partiality, and God is no respecter of persons.'"

"Some make excuse by saying they will not receive something for nothing, and yet that is what thousands are trying to do. Men want to invest their dollars to bring a quick return and a sure thing. What the multitudes of ungodly lives need to learn is submission to the King of Kings. Were it not for the power of death, over which man has no control, the rebellious heart of proud man would soon forget the Lord of Life. But this is the messenger God is continually sending in to our midst to recall the living that he gave and thus remind the living that he is the God who reigns with full, unlimited power. God does not give a tyrant, but those who rebel when they know the truth must suffer the consequences of their own folly."

"We must understand that faith is not a passive, dormant quality. No man can have faith in Jesus Christ without doing the works of God. The challenge made by Paul, 'Show me faith without works,' has never been accepted. It would be attempting the impossible. No man possesses a saving Christian faith who practices the works of darkness. The man who confesses faith with his lips must prove that his confession is not the words of a lie by bringing forth the fruits of righteousness in his life."

"Through faith we cash the promises of God for use in the world. Through faith we use the saved life in service for Jesus Christ and his kingdom. It is just as impossible to do works without faith as to possess faith without good works."

"The church of God needs to be awakened from her stupor and realize the absolute truth that faith is not a duty, but a kingdom. It would hasten specially. About one-third of our church members are working and the larger part are in idleness, and need the day when every soldier of the cross shall be true to the great Captain of our salvation, so that the united labors of Christendom may be blessed of God in pulling down the strongholds of sin and evil and building up the eternal kingdom of righteousness and peace."

TREASURES IN HEAVEN
MOST VALUABLE ASSETS.Earth's riches should be used to
create an eternal store. Says
the Reverend Mr. Boyer.

The Reverend J. T. Boyer preached yesterday morning in the Cook Avenue Presbyterian Church on "Steps to Greatness," taking for his text a passage from the Sermon on the Mount as related in Matthew vi, 19-20: "Serve God, make no thought of your life, lay up treasures in heaven." Mr. Boyer said, in part:

"My text is one paragraph from the greatest sermon ever preached, the Sermon on the Mount. If you are looking for happiness and the greatest success of your life you will find it here; if you are weak your strength is here; if anxious, here your anxieties will be removed; if you are struggling against poverty, you will find all riches stored for you here; you will find the worth more than all the wealth of the earth—all things will be yours; you shall be Christ's, and Christ's is God's. You should serve but one Master, and that one God. We should accept the sug-

PURENESS OF THE HEART
CHRISTIANITY'S ESSENTIAL.The Reverend A. W. Claxton tells of
the Futility of Idle Forms
and Display.

The Reverend A. W. Claxton preached yesterday morning in the Grand Avenue Baptist Church on "The Divine Nearness," his text was John vi, 22: "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith." He said, in part:

"The words of our text form a part of a masterful sermon, in which the preacher earnestly and reverently exposed the futility of idle forms and display."

THE REVEREND A. W. CLAXTON,
Pastor of the Grand Avenue Baptist
Church.

by of the sacrifices of the old Levitical law, as compared with love its unimpeachable gift, long suffering and final sacrifice. "The law is a shadow of good things, but these are yet to come, and the shadow is not even the very image of the things. The sacrifices of the law can never make the people perfect. Paul admits this and calls the conscience to witness. If the sacrifices of the law had had cleansing value, the Jewish nation would have ceased to be offered, and there would be no more conscience of sin. But this was not so. Every year there is remembrance made of sin."

"Rivers of the blood of bulls and goats can never cleanse one heart spot or make the heart the least better. Jesus is the way, and the invitation is to come now. Arnold preached the gospel of culture, but Jesus said follow me. The plan of the Saviour is, first, after that character and culture. He is the express image of the father's love, and the only way into the divine presence and favor. He looks for every sinner's return to God through himself and for every sinner's return by constantly abiding in him."

"Listen with him to walk in newness of life, our affections set on things above, we shall be very near him whose presence is a heavenly benediction, full of inspiration and hope, and we shall know the riches of his grace that bringeth salvation."

"But again, a true heart is essential to progress in this blessed approach. Heart is a word the Bible makes much of. The ancient seer said, 'Out of the heart are issues of life.' Later inspiration added that 'With the heart, man believeth unto righteousness.' Brilliance may elevate a man to dizzy heights here below, but heart goodness is essential to a place in the heavenly heights where Jesus now is."

"Jesus had a brilliant mind. His thoughts were dazzling, but, having no heart in them, were powerless, while Jesus made us his disciples, and his great triumph was in the realm of the affections. 'Son, give me thine heart.' This is the cry of mercy."

"Charles Dickens, who excelled all as a pathetic writer, said the story of the Prodigal Son is the tenderest passage in literature. But Jesus wrote this parable, and truly it is the thought of his great and loving heart. Jesus is a true expression of God, because his heart is pure. If we would

COMPANIONSHIP WITH JESUS
EARTH'S GREATEST BLESSINGIdeal Life Is to Be Led by Savior of
Men, Says the Reverend Dean
R. Leland.

The Reverend Dean R. Leland preached yesterday morning in the Tyler Place Presbyterian Church on the text, I John, ii, 6: "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk even as he walked." Mr. Leland said in part:

"Our companionship with Jesus Christ in a great life is the best environment, the best education, the best career, are all inadequate to the production of genuine spiritual life. The best environment, the best education, the best career, are all inadequate to the production of genuine spiritual life. The best environment, the best education, the best career, are all inadequate to the production of genuine spiritual life."

"It is not an aimless meandering, saunter, tramping from place to place and never reaching the goal. The life that leads to the home of God is the life that is united to him who said: 'I am the true way of life.'"

"What was that life which he lived? How did he walk through life? He went about doing good. A ministry of benediction, saying and doing a 'God bless you' wherever he went. Jesus has yet his Galilee. We ought also so to walk even as he walked."

"In our companionship with him we must listen to him. What joy came to those two disciples as they walked that Easter day from Jerusalem to Emmaus. How often they said afterwards, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked with us by the way?' They knew the art of listening. The vivid sense of Christ's companionship can come only when we give him the chance to talk with us, to teach us and show us the way. Every Christian must be a listener."

"When in our busy lives we let God speak to us, then there comes the time for thanksgiving. The more I see of life and work, the more I feel that there is no prayer more blessed than the simple prayer for guidance. There are so many turns in the road; there are so many deceptive, alluring ways; so many false guides. Seeking the best way may do wrong. The prayer to be led is the best of all prayers. Lord, lead me, and I will follow. This is a prayer that is always answered, and in God's light we see light."

"Let us, then, walk even as he walked, the vocation whereunto we are called, walking even as he walked."

GENUINE SPIRITUALITY
MUST COME FROM ABOVE.The Reverend S. C. Ely Says All Men
Are Capable of Begetting the
Health of Heaven.

At the Church of the Divine Humanity (Swedenborgian), yesterday morning, the Reverend S. C. Ely preached on the subject, "The Principle of Angelic Annunciation," taking for his text Luke i, 35: "Wherefore also that which is to be born shall be called holy, the Son of God." Mr. Ely said in part:

"In a certain sense Christianity was a response to the hope of Judaism. The plous Hebrew in every age, so far as he kept in touch with his Scriptures, was ever looking forward. For him the voice of Jehovah was filled with promises and prophecies of good yet to come."

"From the primal point of his revelation

EMPHASIZES IMPORTANCE
OF CORRECT THINKING.Doctor Skilling Says a Man's
Thoughts Invariably Determine
His Character.

The Reverend Doctor David M. Skilling preached yesterday morning in the Webster Groves Presbyterian Church on "The Importance of Right Thinking." He took for his text Philippians iv, 9, and in his sermon said, in part:

"The Bible teaches us to think, for thought is the parent of right action. It is true that we often act under the influence of some sudden and strong impulse, and more frequently, doubtless, such action leads to honorable and happy issues. Nevertheless, impulse can scarcely be said to be more than a sudden excitement or inclination. It is the opposite of thought."

"Impulse is hasty; thought is deliberate; impulse is extemporaneous; thought is the studied exercise of the intellect. Thought involves reflection, cogitation, meditation. Impulse looks only to the immediate result; thought considers the many conditions which bear upon the important question under review. This distinction is seen in the lives of men and women as they exhibit themselves in their daily pursuits. The successful business man is not one who acts merely upon his impulses from day to day."

"We do not wonder that thought has so important a place in the moral and intellectual life of man. Why do men sin? Is it not often due to the fact that they do not think of their own hearts? Their thoughts and lives are lived by those great spiritual blessings offered to them in the Gospel of

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It not because they do not think upon the things that are taught in the Gospel? "Right thinking is a guard against evil. It is a prevention against crime. The study of criminals in the penitentiaries would perhaps confess that they would not be there had they thought aright. Right thinking is the greatest of all which they are imprisoned. It is not only a guard against evil, but it helps a man to overcome and turn from his life in sin. "All true conversion issues from one's right thinking. The psalmist thought on

deavors to live his life so that it shall be of real value to himself, to society and to God. "Should keep constantly in mind. They are the things that are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, of good report. They are not exoteric, though intimately related to each other. They are distinct virtues, but they blend together to form a complete whole, like the great white light of heaven."

"They are all related to and emanate from the infinite, loving Christ. Such thinking will bring the riches that will not rust, the pleasures that will not die, and the fair fame that cannot be tarnished; will yield the sweetest fruits of peace and joy here, and will point us along the King's highway to the Kings palace."

CLOSING YEAR WITH MISSION.

Redemptorist Fathers Will Conduct Services at Old Cathedral.

The Reverend Eugene Coyle, pastor of the Old Cathedral, on Walnut, near Third street, will close the year by having a mission in his church, beginning Sunday, December 27. It will close the following Sunday.

Archbishop Gleason will preside at the opening of the mission, which will commence with high mass at 9:30 a. m. The mission will be given by Redemptorist Fathers Niemann and Mahony. It has been the custom of Father Coyle to have a mission in his church the closing week of the year.

To-morrow will be the fifth anniversary of the death of Mr. William Walsh, who was pastor of St. Bridget's Parish. A solemn requiem mass will be offered at 8 a. m. to-morrow in St. Bridget's Church for the repose of his soul.

The annual retreat for the young people of the parish will begin next Wednesday night and end Sunday. Father Robert of the Passionist Order will have charge. The retreat will be given under the auspices of the sodalities of the parish.

Evening classes in stenography, typewriting, bookkeeping and other branches are given every Saturday evening, commencing at 7 o'clock, at the Queen's Daughters' Home, No. 111 North Sixteenth street, under the direction of Professor George Wright, assisted by Miss M. Fanning.

The directors of the Priests' Eucharistic League have requested members to send letters to No. 1119 Goodfellow avenue by the end of the year and change in addresses to No. 185 East Seventy-sixth street, New York.

The Reverend Michael McPaul of the Old Cathedral will depart in a few days for Florida, where he will spend the winter. Father McPaul is more than 80 years old.

Stricken With Heart Disease

Pick up almost any newspaper and you will find an account of some person being stricken with heart disease. Heart trouble, at least among the Americans, is on the increase. No doubt this is due in part to the worry, excitement and strenuousness of modern American business life, and yet how many, many times it is the result of weak stomachs, of poor digestion.

While real organic heart trouble is incurable, it is comforting to know that not more than one case in every hundred is organic. The remainder are functional, being due to a sympathetic disturbance produced through the nervous system, caused by great muscular prostration, improper nutrition, in short, dyspepsia.

This functional disturbance of the heart's action is manifested by palpitation, irregularity of beats, intermission, rolling or tumbling movement and a feeling as if the heart were in the throat. These symptoms often give rise to great apprehension, anxiety, fear and depression of mind. But since the cause of the trouble is indigestion, it readily yields to Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, the great panacea for all stomach disorders and sympathetic ailments. The close relation between heart trouble and poor digestion is due to the fact that the heart, the great force pump of the system, to which all of the veins and arteries of the body may be directly or indirectly traced, and the stomach are controlled by the same great nerves, the Sympathetic and Pneumogastric.

In another way, also, the heart is affected by the form of poor digestion, which causes gas and fermentation from half digested food. There is a feeling of oppression and heaviness in the chest caused by pressure of the distended stomach on the heart and lungs, interfering with their action; hence arises palpitation and short breath.

Poor digestion also poisons the blood, making it thin and watery, which irritates and weakens the heart.

The most sensible treatment for heart trouble is to improve the digestion and to insure the prompt assimilation of food.

The slightest derangement of the stomach impairs digestion and nutrition. Some of the symptoms of indigestion are fullness in the region of the stomach, sourness, emission of gases, colic, loss of energy, drowsiness, harrowing dreams, bitter taste in the mouth, offensive breath, sick headache, giddiness, disturbed sleep, sallow countenance, heartburn, irregularity of appetite, etc.

Many suffering from dyspepsia make the grave mistake of assuming that they need cathartics to force the liver to throw off the load, and thereby frequently cause the graver evil of a disordered liver, while in reality they require some effective digestive preparation like Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, obtainable of all druggists, which are pleasant and perfectly safe, to supply the lacking fluids that cause digestion and proper nutrition, thus strengthening the entire system and insuring a strong, vigorous, healthy body.

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